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August 31, 1954.

Mr. C.B. Probert, Inspector of Accidents Department of Industry and Commerce Kildare Street Dublin, Ireland.

Dear Sire

This is with further reference to your letter dated July 31, 1954 regarding the accident to DC6B aircraft N-6531C on February 15, 1954.

Our review indicates that we have no further evidence in connection with this accident which would be of any material use in connection with your investigation. However, we would like to state that your tentative conclusion as to the second contributory factory seems to us to be questionable. The pilot in question had received his Type Rating for DC6B alreraft prior to the flight in question and could have served as Captain. However, he was serving as co-pilot for familiarization in accordance with the Company's procedures before taking over as Captain in command. His transitional training was in full compliance with the Civil Air Regulations which govern the operation. Under the circumstances, you may find it appropriate to revise your tentative conclusion.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) John C. Pirie, Assistant General Coursel.